

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SUPPORTING H.R. 7910 AND H.R. 2377

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, today is day 159 of 2022. There have already been over 200 mass shootings this year.

Madam Speaker, we cannot let this be our new reality. Thoughts and prayers are no longer enough. We must act, and we must do it now.

This week, we must pass H.R. 7910, the Protecting Our Kids Act, and H.R. 2377, the Federal Extreme Risk Protection Order Act of 2022.

The Protecting Our Kids Act includes provisions that would raise the lawful age to purchase an assault-style weapon from 18 to 21, impose new restrictions on large capacity magazines, strengthen safe storage requirements, and crack down on the sale and distribution of unlicensed guns.

The Federal Extreme Risk Protection Order Act of 2022 encourages states to improve and implement extreme risk laws, which would help keep guns out of the hands of those who are likely to pose an increased threat to themselves or to others.

Madam Speaker, these are small—but necessary—first steps. I would urge my colleagues to join me in supporting these bills, and to commit themselves to doing all they can to address the issue of gun violence.

COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF GRANITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Granite Construction Company on its centennial anniversary and honor the lasting contributions of founder, Walter J. Wilkinson. Granite Construction Company is a leader in the construction industry, paving the way for innovation and progress. The company's Founder Walter J. Wilkinson was a man of integrity, perseverance, and dedication. He not only lived by these principles, but also instilled them in the culture and work of the Granite Construction Company; these quality ethics and values remain today.

After earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in engineering, Mr. Wilkinson began his career as an engineer for the Lakeport Ice Company. In 1901, at the age of 20, he joined the Granite Rock Company and would eventually lead the construction division as superintendent. When Granite Construction Company was formed as a wholly owned subsidiary of Gran-

ite Rock in 1922, Mr. Wilkinson was chosen as Vice President and Arthur R. Wilson as President.

In 1936, the Wilson family sold their shares of Granite Construction to Mr. Wilkinson, who then became President. In those early years of the Great Depression, Mr. Wilkinson and his wife, Carrie B. Earle, struggled to keep the company afloat, making personal sacrifices, including mortgaging all that they owned to help sustain the business. This perseverance and personal commitment left a lasting imprint on the company.

With the advent of World War II, the business turned around and the company began to reach unprecedented levels of growth. Projects such as the \$400,000 contract to build Camp Ord, now known as Fort Ord, in 1940 allowed Granite Construction to not only produce a profit, but also become a leader in the construction industry. In 1942, Mr. Wilkinson retired from active service with the company, and Bert Scott took over as President. Mr. Wilkinson sold his shares to his two sons, Walter Junior and Jack.

A scrupulous but fair businessman, Mr. Wilkinson adhered diligently to the code of conduct he established for the company, prioritizing integrity, hard work, and determination in his professional and personal life. His colleagues called him a "visionary" as he successfully steered Granite Construction Company through rocky times to recovery.

Outside of his professional work, Mr. Wilkinson was devoted to serving his community. He kept a daily diary, written in impeccable penmanship, chronicling his life and the founding of Granite Construction. He was a skilled orator, storyteller, and speech writer. Active in civic organizations, Mr. Wilkinson was a charter member of the Watsonville Exchange Club and President of the Chamber of Commerce as well as the Rotary Club. Moreover, as President and Founding Member of the Association of General Contractors of Northern California, Mr. Wilkinson was instrumental in establishing the Association's first bylaws.

Walter J. Wilkinson conducted himself in a manner deserving of respect. With loyalty, dedication, and perseverance, he laid the foundation for a company able to weather the toughest of storms. The success of Granite Construction as the beacon of progress in today's construction industry is a tribute to him. Congratulations to Granite Construction Company on their centennial celebration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
REGARDING DANIEL KANDALAFT

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following letter to share additional information I recently learned about con-

cerning the Drug Enforcement Agency's encounter with Daniel Kandalaft on or about January 24, 2016 at Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris, France. At a July 8, 2017 Foreign Affairs Committee hearing entitled, "Attacking Hezbollah's Financial Network: Policy Options," a witness referenced that Mr. Kandalaft was arrested by the DEA. As this recent letter from the Drug Enforcement Agency describes, the "DEA does not have the authority to perform arrests or detentions in foreign countries."

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DRUG
ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION,
OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL AND
PUBLIC AFFAIRS,

Springfield, VA, April 18, 2022.

Hon. STEVE COHEN,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN COHEN: This responds to your letter to Administrator Anne Milgram, dated October 8, 2021, regarding a potential Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) encounter with Daniel Kandalaft on or about January 24, 2016, at Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris, France. We appreciate the opportunity to address your inquiry, and we apologize for our delay in responding to your letter.

DEA is aware that Mr. Kandalaft was detained by French Authorities on January 24, 2016, at Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris, France. DEA does not have the authority to perform arrests or detentions in foreign countries. For further information, we recommend reaching out directly to the French Authorities who have oversight of these actions. We apologize that we are unable to provide more information.

Sincerely,

JASON M. THURMAN,
Chief, Congressional Affairs Section.

HONORING NANCY CASSIDY

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Nancy Cassidy, who is being honored for her retirement from the Department of Safety after more than twenty-two years of service. Throughout her time as a government employee, Nancy has worked in a wide range of departments and roles. Nancy has served the state of New Hampshire with distinction and is revered by her peers for her expertise.

Prior to her time in the Commissioner's Office, Nancy worked in the Bureau of Financial Responsibility with the Division of Motor Vehicles. She quickly moved up in the ranks and was promoted to Executive Secretary in the Forensic Lab for the Division of State Police, where she worked closely with state agencies, local officials, and the Attorney General's Office for nearly seven years. After being further promoted to the Commissioner's Office, Nancy continued to work tirelessly for her community.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire, I want to thank Nancy for her continued

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dedication to the Granite State. I congratulate her again on her incredible career and wish her the best in retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
ALEXANDER AURRICCHIO

HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Mr. SUOZZI. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life of Alexander Aurricchio, a talented young Australian Rules Footballer who touched the lives of his family, friends, and community. Alexander's teammates describe him as a compassionate soul with a smile that would light up the room. Alexander's father, Lou Aurricchio, remembers his son as "a leader of men, a teacher of children and a true motivator." Alexander Aurricchio grew up playing basketball at Half Hollow Hills West High School, in Suffolk County, Long Island and went on to play collegiate soccer and baseball at Columbia University. This June, Alexander will surely be missed when his Columbia University team and classmates come together for their 10-year reunion.

Nicknamed "Rooch" Alexander stood tall at 6'6" and 220 pounds, Alexander is described as a big young man with an even bigger personality. According to his mother, Jill, he was born an incredible 14 lbs. and called Alexander the Great by all the nurses at the hospital. Not only was Alexander loved by his community, he had many close friends worldwide, especially in Australia where he had been playing football since 2014, with a dream to one day play for the AFL. He later played for South Adelaide in the South Australian National Football League (SANFL) before moving north to join Northern Territory Football League (NTFL) club Waratah in Darwin.

Alexander's "Australian brother" Tom Fields remembered Alexander by saying "Alex had the gift to enter into someone's life for a brief moment and instantly make them feel happier, safe, and better about themselves, to me that is the mark of an exceptional human being" NBA star Tobias Harris played high school basketball with Alexander and tweeted, "Alex was seriously one of the greatest human beings I've come across. I've lost a friend that I will forever miss."

Alexander Aurricchio was riding a bicycle in Howard Springs on June 8, 2020, when he was involved in a fatal crash with a car. He was 30 years old. Alexander Aurricchio is survived by his mother Jill, father Lou and siblings John, Michael, Jillian, and Christopher. As we honor him today, we keep his family and friends in our thoughts and prayers, with the hope that all those he inspired will flourish as they keep his memory alive eternally in their hearts.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE
ALPHA BETA CHAPTER OF
ALPHA GAMMA DELTA FRATERNITY
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
MICHIGAN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the one-hundredth anniversary of the Alpha Beta Chapter of the Alpha Gamma Delta Fraternity at the University of Michigan—Ann Arbor. Their one hundred years of service and dedication to our local community is worthy of commendation.

Alpha Gamma Delta Fraternity was founded in 1904 by eleven women at Syracuse University. Over the years, the fraternity has expanded to include chapters at 199 different colleges and universities in the United States and Canada and has been home to over 197,000 women. The Alpha Gamma Delta Alpha Beta Chapter at the University of Michigan was founded in 1922. Starting with only 25 members, the fraternity has grown immensely, and members have gone on to be leaders in Michigan and around the globe.

At the University of Michigan—Ann Arbor, the Alpha Gamma Delta fraternity has served children, families, and individuals affected by social and economic challenges in the City of Ann Arbor and in surrounding communities. The fraternity is dedicated to making a positive impact through their philanthropy and leadership. Their volunteer work includes partnering with charitable organizations such as Feeding America and Meals on Wheels.

A century after its founding, the Alpha Gamma Delta fraternity is working harder than ever to make a difference in Ann Arbor. While fundraising for Fighting Hunger, the fraternity recently raised almost seven thousand dollars to help fight hunger in Ann Arbor and all around the United States. With the help of their enthusiastic members, the Alpha Gamma Delta fraternity has lent vital support to those in need, supporting our local community and beyond.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the Alpha Beta Chapter of the Alpha Gamma Delta Fraternity at the University of Michigan—Ann Arbor. We are grateful for the fraternity's century of impactful work and wish Alpha Gamma Delta members and alumni continued success in service in the years ahead.

HONORING DR. EVE KURTIN-
STEINBERG

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today with Members of my delegation, the Honorable MARK TAKANO and the Honorable ALAN LOWENTHAL, to honor the life of Dr. Eve Kurtin-Steinberg, who passed away on May 5, 2022, at the age of 68. From her career in the healthcare sector to her outstanding dedication to the Jewish community, Eve tirelessly

put the needs of others before her own. We were also lucky enough to call Eve a friend.

A graduate from the University of the Pacific's Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and the University of California, Los Angeles' Anderson School of Management, Eve used her medical and business expertise to kickstart a decades-long, prolific career as a healthcare executive and investor. With a passion for medical technology advancement and reducing the cost of patient care, Eve served in myriad leadership roles including as the managing director of Pacific Venture Group, founder and CEO of Physician Venture Management and CEO, and President of Kurtin Communications. She also served as vice president of American Medical International, was a founding member of the RAND Health Board of Advisors, and sat on numerous other healthcare boards, including that of her alma mater, the Pacific Board of Regents.

This commitment to helping others also seeped into Eve's longtime advocacy for the Jewish community, of which she was considered a pillar. For decades, Eve devoted herself to the Stephen Wise Temple in Los Angeles, California, and served in many leadership roles including chair of the Wise Parents Association, chair of the Temple's Financial Oversight Committee, and even as president of the Temple's congregation from 2003 to 2005. Even when she was not in a leadership position within the Temple, Eve was known for being an active, vivacious participant in any service or event she attended.

Eve's dedication to the Jewish community and Israel expanded beyond her work with the Wise Temple. Eve was also engaged for decades with the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), where she served as Political Chair for Southern California and helped to foster an active AIPAC community within the Wise Temple. Furthermore, as director of the Union for Reform Judaism, Eve was invited to attend a meeting with former president Obama's then-chief of staff, Jack Lew, to discuss international relations with Israel, the Affordable Care Act and more because of her extensive knowledge on the matters. And a lifelong donor to the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, Eve served as cochair of their literary program KOREH LA and was a longtime member of their Community Engagement Committee. She even dedicated her time to being a volunteer for School on Wheels, a school tutoring program.

Eve is survived by her spouse, Dr. Michael Steinberg, her children Beth and Drew, and her grandchildren Lev, Liam, and Micah. It is clear that a driving force in Eve's life was serving those around her, in whatever sector or group she touched. Eve will be remembered for this very service and dedication through the Hebrew saying Eshet Chayil, or Woman of Valor. We ask our colleagues to join us in commemorating the life of this extraordinary individual.

HONORING EDWARD KNUDSON'S
SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY IN
THE ANTELOPE VALLEY

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Antelope Valley Community